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Reference: LINC 951

1. Reference cable requested that we pouch readily available data on the structure of the host government, not below the Ministerial level, and that we furnish identities and specific responsibilities of all functionaries in policy making positions. For the information of the reader, a thorough search has been made of all available files here. Further, discreet inquiries have been made of informed ODACID officials and of sources who ordinarily would be in a position to know which officials in the various ministries are in policy making positions. We have learned, through this research, that there is very little if any policy making done below the Presidential level. Such advice on policy as may reach the President is more likely to come from the Communist-controlled National Democratic Front or individual communists than from the Cabinet officers.
2. It has been ascertained that a graph, chain of command or similar breakdown showing the structure of the host government has never been made by OKYOKE agencies accredited here. Practically all agencies maintain some form of informal record which shows the various Guatemalan Ministries and agencies together with the key officials thereof, but a detailed report or graph on the actual structure of the government has never been made. Approximately two years ago, the then ODYOKE Ambassador requested that the compilation of such data exhibiting the structure be made a project and assigned to the appropriate officers interested; however, for some reason the project never went beyond the idea stage.
3. For whatever value it may prove, however, reporting officer has compiled the following data from available files. We will furnish Lincoln the actual structure or chain of command of the government when one is available.

CABINET

Minister of Foreign Affairs
Minister of Government
Minister of Finance and Public Credit
Minister of Public Education

Lic. Guillermo TORIELLO
Lic. Augusto ~~CHARNAUD~~ McDonald
Raul ~~SIERRA~~ Franco
Prof. Mardoqueo ~~GARCIA~~ Asturias

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Minister of National Defense
Minister of Agriculture
Minister of Communications and
Public Works
Minister of Public Health and
Social Assistance
Minister of Economy and Labor
Minister of State Without Portfolio

Col. José Angel ~~SANCHEZ~~
Nicolás ~~LAOL~~

Carlos ~~ALLANA~~ Sandoval (Colonel)

Dr. Julio Roberto ~~HERNANDEZ~~
Roberto ~~PAJUL~~
Lt. Col. Elfege ~~MONZON~~

The actual breakdown of positions within the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, according to available data here, is as follows:

Minister
Chief of Protocol
Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs
Official Mayor
Chief of the Consular Section
Chief of Immigration Section
Chief of Treaty Office
Sub Chief of Protocol
Sub Chief of Consular Section
First Protocol Assistant
Second Protocol Assistant
Consulting Attorney for Ministry
Chief of Legal Office
Sub Chief of the Treaty Section
Chief of the Foreign Information Office
First Official

Lic. Guillermo ~~TORIELLO~~
Major Humberto ~~GARCIA~~ Galvez
Lic. Ramon ~~CADENA~~
Adrian ~~GIL~~ Perez
Augusto ~~ARCHISSI~~ Caceres
Julio ~~CHOCANO~~
Jose Luis ~~RENDON~~
Enrique ~~PELLICER~~ Lopez
Hector ~~MERCOS~~
Guillermo ~~CHINCHILLA~~ Ramos
Arturo ~~COBAN~~ Lobos
Lic. Carlos ~~RODIL~~
Lic. Jorger ~~CACERES~~ Soberanis
Juan Luis ~~GRANTES~~
Carlos ~~CHACHARRISON~~
Ricardo ~~ALBUREZ~~

The breakdown of positions within the Ministry of National Defense
is as set forth below:

Minister
Under Secretary
Secretary

Chief of the Armed Forces

Col. José Angel ~~SANCHEZ~~
Col. Juan José ~~SERRA~~
Lt. Col. Raul ~~REINA~~ Rosal

Col. Carlos Enrique ~~DIAZ~~

General Staff:
Chief of Staff
Deputy Chief of Staff
Secretary
G-1
G-2
G-3
G-4

Col. Enrique ~~PARINELLO~~ de Leon
Col. Juan ~~BOLAFOS~~ G.
Col. Agustin ~~DONIS~~ Kestler
Lt. Col. Mildardo ~~MONZON~~ C.
Lt. Col. Victor ~~CORDILLO~~
Col. Guillermo ~~RENDON~~
Col. Victor V. ~~QUILLO~~ A.

Commander, Base Militar
Chief of Air Force
Deputy Chief of Air Force
Director, Guardia Civil
Director, Escuela Politecnica
Chief, General Headquarters
Chief, Presidential Staff
Adjutant General
Commander, Guardia de Honor
Chief, Guardia Judicial

Col. José Pablo DIAZ
Col. José Luis A. ~~ALON~~ C.
Lt. Col. Carlos A. ~~SARTI~~
Col. Rogelio ~~CRUZ~~ Wer
Lt. Col. Ernesto PAIZ N.
Col. José R. ~~GONZALEZ~~ S.
Col. Eduardo ~~WEYMAN~~ Guzman
Col. Ernesto ~~COLINA~~ A.
Col. José G. ~~BARZANALLANA~~
Major Jaime ~~ROSENBERG~~

Superior Council of National Defense:

President
Vice President
First Secretary
Second Secretary
(19 others listed as members)

Col. Pedro ~~MEYER~~
Lt. Col. Victor M. ~~CORDILLO~~
Lt. Col. Juvenino ~~GOMEZ~~
Major Manuel F. ~~SOSA~~

With reference to the Ministry of Government, available records reflect little information. The Minister of Government is Lic. Augusto CHARMAUD McDonald and the Sub Secretary is José Joaquín GARCIA Manzo. The same records reflect that the following offices or agencies fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Government:

Palacio Nacional (Tribunal de Contencioso Administrativo)
Escribania del Gobierno y Sección de Tierras
Archivo General del Gobierno (Dr. Joaquín ~~PARDO~~)
Tipografía Nacional
Diario Oficial
Gobernación Departamental
Registro Civil
Guardia Judicial (Major Jaime ROSENBERG)
Guardia Civil (Rogelio CRUZ Wer)
Guardia Civil Ambulante de la Republica
Guardia de Hacienda
Penitenciaria Central
Prision de Mujeres
Escuela de Prevención Juvenil
Procuraduria de Fobres
Junta Nacional Electoral
Dirección General del Registro Civico
Guardia Civil de los Municipios

of possible interest to the reader, there is quoted below an excerpt from an ODACID despatch to its headquarters dated 6 November 1951:

"In another indication that the ARBENZ Administration now has no intention at present to suppress Communist activities, Augusto CHARRAUD McDonald, Minister of the Interior, told Mr. C. P. IVES of the Baltimore Sun on October 23 that his Ministry was not concerned about Communist activities and that there was emphatically no Communist problem in Guatemala. The interview was carried locally in summary form in the Diario del Pueblo of November 5.

"In the Diario del Pueblo's version, Mr. Ives was quoted as asking the Minister whether press reports that the Ministry of the Interior was taking or about to take measures against Communist activities were true. CHARRAUD McDonald replied:

'I can assure you that the Ministry of Interior has made no statement in this respect--not to foreign correspondents, not to local press people, not in sum to any person. It has not made any because no concern exists in this matter. We are, though, concerned with the dis-orienting and anti-national campaign which the press is carrying on abroad, where it appears that nothing is respected except the interests of the great monopolies.....'

'.....I can state emphatically that there is no problem (Communist) such as the one suggested, neither concerning penetration nor of dangerous internal activities. The Government of Guatemala is democratic, its people are, and the Ministry of the Interior is democratic, wherefore a danger to democracy would consist of anti-democratic activities such as restricting human rights and liberties under the pretext of combatting Communism. The Government of President Arbenz fully guarantees the freedom of political expression, just as it guarantees the freedom of religious belief.....'

4. It is recalled that the office handling government news and propaganda in most Latin American countries usually has printed in booklet form complete information pertaining to its governmental structure. The booklet usually lists in the order of their importance all Ministries and agencies of the government, their function, key officials and salaries of all government officials. We have learned that it may be possible to obtain such a book which reportedly was printed locally shortly after ARBENZ took office. Efforts are being made, through a secure means, to secure such a book and if we are successful it will be forwarded to Lincoln promptly. In the meantime it is hoped Lincoln will consider the above information, sketchy though it may be as all that we have been able to develop through research of available files here.

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